



Bulletin – October 1, 2009

Golden Grace for October

Greet Faculty and Staff members when you see them in the hallway or outside.

Factors of Viability Visit

What a wonderful visit we had yesterday with our Archdiocesan Team. They met with the School Board, H.S.A. Executive Committee, parents, administration, Development Director, Monsignor Luca, teachers, and students. It was a full day. We would like to thank everyone who gave of their time to meet with the team members. The team said that we have a wonderful community with parents who are exceptionally supportive of and enthusiastic about the school. They were particularly impressed with our children saying that they were warm, kind, and hospitable. We whole-heartedly agree! We want to send a special thank you to our baking committee for providing breakfast items as well as treats throughout the day. The team members were truly grateful saying that they felt very welcomed.

While we do not have the results of the visit we were told that we have a model school and we should be proud. Believe me we are!! We celebrated with the children today enjoying an out of uniform day and we celebrated with the faculty after school today with a reception. Our spirits and minds are rejoicing!!

Innisbrook

We know the Website is a pain!! **Please be persistent.** There are 2 ways to order – 1.) By copying your child's order onto the website (in which case the merchandise will be delivered to school without shipping charges), or 2.) As an Out of Town friend and/or family (in which case the merchandise will be delivered to your home, but you will have to pay a shipping charge.) **ORDERS ARE DUE TODAY!** If the website is continuing to frustrate you, send your order in to the school and we'll complete it for you!!! Contact Chris Schauerman with any questions at 410-203-2688 or cgzinwien@hotmail.com.

Thank you

ONE GIANT GRAPE EXPECTATION, **THANK YOU!!**

What a resounding success....we raised a lot of FUN! Raised over \$10,000 (final numbers to follow)...made new friends across our community. **Thank you** to our **sold-out** crowd for coming out and supporting the school. **Thank you** to our great, hard-working, committee for all of the silent auction work, putting the baskets together, decorating and cleaning-up – it was a great effort by all. A great **big** thank you to our business sponsors for your support through advertisements and donations – we couldn't do it without you! Thanks to all of our families and friends for bidding, laughing, sipping wine and having fun! You are the **BEST!** A tremendous thank you to John and Meg Clarke who chaired this spectacular event; their enthusiasm, and creativity and countless volunteer hours resulted in a wonderful night to remember.

Lost and Found

We have found a gold "SLS '96" ring, size 7; you can pick it up in the office.

Tuition Statements

This is a reminder that tuition for the month of September was due on September 30th. If you have not sent in your tuition, please do so immediately. Please record on the statement any volunteer hours worked during the month. Remember, late fees will be assessed for tuition not received in a timely manner. **Please be sure to return the blue envelopes, unsealed, with your tuition payments. The envelopes are reused each month.** Thank you.

Uniform Exchange

It is almost time for winter uniforms, so please check your closets and bring in any items your children no longer need. Clean, gently worn uniforms may be turned in at the office and will be made available through Uniform Exchange. If you are in need of any items, you may email Mrs. Lynne Layug at thelayugs@verizon.net.

Grade 2 - Basketball Evaluations

Grade 2 Basketball evaluations – All children make a team!

Evaluations will take place in the St. Louis Gym on

October 3, 2009:

5:00-6:00 p.m. Boys

6:00-7:00 p.m. Girls

Coaches Welcome!!

Any questions, contact Steve Musselman @ 301-600-1832 or stephenmusselman@netzero.com or LouFlorenzo@cbflooring.com

Please confirm that you are Stand Certified before volunteering

Destination.....St. Louis Book Fair!!

The Fall Book Fair will be held from Monday, October 12th through Thursday, October 15th, and parent volunteers are needed to set up, take down, and serve as book fair cashiers. Parents, this is your opportunity to earn service hours by assisting with the book fair. The book fair will be set up on Friday, October 9th, at 4:00 p.m. and then taken down on Thursday, October 15^t, at 4:00 p.m. Cashiers are needed during our book fair business hours of Monday –Wednesday from 8:45 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Thursday from 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please contact Mrs. Ryder, the librarian, at jryder@stlouisparish.org if you can assist.

Open House – October 18th – Student and Parent Ambassadors needed!

Our first **Open House** of the school year will be held on the afternoon of October 18th between 2 and 4 p.m. for prospective students and their families. What can you do to help, you ask? (You were asking, weren't you?)

- 1.) **Talk about it to your neighbors, friends and family!** You are, by far, the best ambassadors that St. Louis has, and we want you to spread the good news! Encourage people to come and take a look at all that we have to offer their families. We think they will like what they hear and see!
- 2.) **Volunteer a few hours of your time that afternoon to give tours to prospective families.** Bring your students along (in uniform, of course), so they can serve as tour guides. All students who

help out that day will receive a NUT card for their service, and parents will earn service hours for their time! A win-win for everybody!

Please email Colleen Craig and let her know if you are willing to help out! She will be waiting patiently at ccraig@stlouisparish.org.

Chick-fil-A Fund Raiser

Mark your calendar for "Chick-fil-A" Night! On **Thursday, October 8, 2009**, St. Louis School will get a donation from Chick-fil-A based on a percentage of that evening's sales. A flyer will come home next week, but put it on your calendar to plan on driving through the new Maple Lawn location and getting dinner or a snack that night. Everyone benefits – no cooking for us – and the cows win too! Eat more chicken!!!

Grocery Store Cards

Don't forget to register your **Grocery store cards!! It is really easy this year!** Just open your wallet and take out your grocery cards... go to our webpage at www.stlouisparish.org/school. (Right now....) Under **News and Notes**, click the direct link needed to register your cards! That's it! Thanks so much!!!

Box Tops for Education

One way for our school to earn "free money" is by clipping the Box Tops for Education found on many of the products we use on a regular basis. Each box top is worth ten cents towards our school and although that may not sound like a lot, last year we earned almost \$1400 through this program! As an added incentive, we will be offering an out of uniform day and ice cream treat to the winning classroom in both the elementary and middle schools which brings in the most box tops during the school year. Collection bags are in each classroom and there is also a box in the front office. If you put your box tops in the box in the front office and want your child's classroom to receive credit, please be sure to put the box tops in a bag LABELED WITH YOUR CHILD'S HOMEROOM. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Anne West at anne_west@verizon.net.

A flier went home yesterday with a list of participating products.

A Flyer for Education

Another way for our school to benefit from items you may use is by submitting the UPC's from participating products made by Campbell's and Pepperidge Farms. While we only need the UPC's, including some of the label so that we can determine the product and point value is helpful. These labels **can be put in the box in the front office or put into the Box Tops for Education bag in your child's classroom**. If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to contact Anne West at anne_west@verizon.net.

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Let's Dish

Let' Dish is offering 10% of all sales that we do from October - December, when we use our school's promotional code (**F4-SLS**). You can "*Dish*" on your own or plan to attend one of our "class" parties that will be scheduled from October through December. Parties are nothing more than a dedicated night to go to **Let's Dish** with friends, share a bottle of wine and some other goodies, and prepare your meals. You will receive an email invitation to a **Let's Dish** party for your grade from one of our parent hostesses. **Go to www.letsdish.com, check out the recipes and see what it is all about!**

We can have more than one party per grade and there are also a few grades for which we don't have a hostess yet! If you would like to host a party (aka – A Girls Night Out) at Let's Dish (**NOT in your home**),

contact Susan Defibaugh at 410-381-7791 or susandefibaugh@verizon.net to receive simple step-by-step instructions and an email distribution list for your grade so that you can quickly send invitations online.

St. Nick Night - Call for Vendors

Do you have a business that needs some “sales” exposure? **Would you like to participate in St. Nick Night on Saturday, December 5, from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. as a vendor?** We would love to have some unique and exciting vendors for our families to do some early Christmas shopping! The cost for a table is \$100 which benefits St. Louis School. **Space is limited and open to St. Louis parents until October 11th.** After that time, spaces will be available to all parish members. To reserve your space, contact Susan Defibaugh at 410-381-7791 or susandefibaugh@verizon.net.

SCRIP News

News from the GIFT CARD/SCRIP Program – Congratulations to the Sita family, they are our top purchasers for the month of September! Jacquelyn Sita (1B) will receive a Pink Panther out of Uniform Pass. SCRIP now has Lord & Taylor gift cards in stock. Stop by and purchase your gifts cards in the school parking lot before school or after all weekend masses. Thanks for your support!

St. Louis Church Children’s Liturgy Program

We are looking for children in grades 2 through 8 who are interested in participating in the 4:00 p.m. Saturday evening Mass once a month. Children can participate as Readers, Lectors, and Ushers. Masses are 10/3, 11/8, 12/5, 1/9, 2/6, 3/6, 4/3, and 5/1. Students can volunteer for one or more masses. There will be training in advance for the readers. The students are also invited to participate in the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass reenacting the Nativity Scene and on Easter Sunday reenacting the Resurrection. There are rehearsals for the reenactments as well. If you are interested in any of these opportunities, contact Aileen Musselman at 410-984-7997 or Musselman.as@pg.com.

Important Reminder for All Visitors

Everyone who enters the school building for any reason, and that includes walking your child to his/her homeroom before school begins, must enter the doors near Mary’s garden, come into the office, sign in, and get a Visitor’s Badge. There are no exceptions to this policy. **This policy is for the safety of all of our students.** Thank you for your cooperation.

Please Note!

Please make all dismissal arrangements for your children before they come to school. Please send a note to school with your child if his/her dismissal arrangements change. It is very disruptive to the teachers and classes when we have to call with changes to transportation arrangements. Please be considerate of the teachers and the students’ instructional time. Also, children are not to come to the office to make phone calls about last minute arrangements for staying after school. These arrangements must also be finalized before children come to school, and children must bring a note to the office signed by a parent. Thank you.

Homework Requests

If a child is absent and a parent would like to pick up missed work, parents should call the office no later than 9:00 a.m. Requests should not be emailed. Assignments will be available for pick up after the

conclusion of the school day. School policy also states that teachers will not provide assignments prior to a student's absence (e.g. prior to a trip or other planned absence).

Lunch Duty Volunteers

We still need lunchroom/recess volunteers for all days, especially Tuesday and Wednesday. If you can help, please call or email Mrs. Anne Sanagursky, lunch room coordinator at 301-466-3079 or amsanagursky@yahoo.com.

Reminder: On days when we do not have hot lunches (Mondays and Fridays), PARENTS, PLEASE PACK A LUNCH FOR YOUR CHILD.

Morning Car Duty Volunteers

We are in need of additional volunteers for morning car duty from 8:40 a.m. to 9:05 a.m. This is a great way to receive your volunteer hours and meet other parents and students. If you are able to help, please e-mail Julie Hudson at HUDSONPB@verizon.net. Thank you.

Commendations

N.U.T. Cards or Peanut Cards

We would like to congratulate the following students for receiving a N.U.T. or PEANUT (No Uniform Today) card over the past few weeks. They have been recognized for various types of behavior including: helping out in Before Care; washing the boards; helping the table cleaners at lunchtime; helping put lunchboxes away; helping a student "catch-up" who was late for school; being a good friend; and helping out in the classroom.

Riley Berge

Isabella Paliotta

Daniel Comberiate

Maria Rew

Andrew DeLuca

Alexandra Waldren

Emi Moran

Diego Zuniga

JP Osborne

We are very proud of all of you! Keep up the good work.

Alumni News

Brian Shouse, a 2009 graduate of St. Louis School, has been selected to represent Reservoir High School in Howard County's Student Theatre Association of Reviewers (STARS) for the 2009-2010 academic years. STARS fields teams of student critics to foster quality review writing and publishing, and to promote theatre arts productions in our schools. Congratulations, Brian!

Attention 8th Graders

Since the 2005-2006 school year, the "privilege" of wearing a Red Sweatshirt to school has been a tradition reserved solely for the 8th grade class. It is time to order them for your soon-to-be graduate! The 8th grade voted to keep the design the same as in past years, with "St. Louis School" on the front right side of the sweatshirt and their graduation year on the back.

Areas That Need Improvement

None at this time

Coming Home Today

Drive –Thru Seasonal Flu Clinic Flyer

Box Tops for Education Flyer

Grocery Store Bonus Flyer

Sent Home Electronically

Book Fair Volunteers Needed Flyer

Upcoming School Lunches

Thursday, October 1st – Pizza, pretzels and a cookie

Tuesday, October 6th – Chick-fil-A sandwich, chips and fruit

Wednesday, October 7th – Mini Burgers, waffles fries, and an ice cream sandwich

Thursday, October 8th – Pizza, applesauce and a brownie

Reminders

Thursday, October 1 st	Band lessons begin for grades 4,7,and 8 Symphonic Band (grades 7&8), 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Friday, October 2 nd	Meeting for Room Parents, 9:15 a.m. in the Howard Bishop A Room Sports Club – 4:00-5:30 p.m. for grades 7&8
Monday, October 5 th	Math Fun Groups for grades 6-8 during recess Regional High School Fair 6:30p.m. @ St. Augustine School
Tuesday, October 6 th	Band Lessons begin for grades 5&6 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Mass begins Concert Band (grades 5&6) 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Wednesday, October 7 th	Homework Club 3:45-4:30 p.m. for grades 1-8 Interims distributed to grades 1&2 Parents of grades 3-8 check Parent Access for updates
Thursday, October 8 th	Band lessons for grades 4, 7 and 8 Symphonic Band (grades 7&8) 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Please pray for those who are sick

Mrs. Eichelberger, mother of Deanna (5B) and Kathleen (2B)

Tom Driscoll, cousin of Patrick Smith (1B), Jack Sutton (2B), Aidan Smith (3B), and Jay Smith (8B)

Diane Miller, friend of Lynn Devroye and Kathleen Duckhorn

Noah Thyberg, neighbor of the Del Buono Family

Joyce Bartolomeo, sister of Sister Lois Blessing

The mother and new baby brother of Mirela Oliveira (5A)

Brother James M. Kelly, C.F.X., President of Mount St. Joseph High School

Arlene Wilczynski , grandmother of Philip (7A) and Olivia (2B) Magaletta

Grace Hartley, friend of Olivia (2B) Magaletta

Please pray for those who have died

Jane Kolb, grandmother of Joshua (8B), Elizabeth (6B), Maria (2B) and Therese (1A)

Christina Strain, close friend of the Magaletta Family

Msgr. Myles McGowan, former pastor of St. Louis Church

Marion Clarke, grandmother of Kerry (8A), Erin (5B), and Emma (2A) Clarke

Jullian R. Elliott, grandfather of Aubrie (6A) and Sienna (3A) Ferraro Shiblee who died over the summer

John T. Connors, Sr., grandfather of our former students, Caitlin (19), Colleen (15) and Maggie (12) Connors

Col. Ashley Day Jameson, great-grandfather of Annaliese (3B) and Austin (2A) Jameson

Daniel Donoghue, grandfather of John, Colleen, Brendan, and Rose O'Rourke, St. Louis graduates

Timothy Flanigan, grandfather of Benjamin (1B) Kopec

Marie Wiedefeld, mother of Mrs. Patricia Marlatt, former teacher at St. Louis School

Please also pray for all members of our military, especially those who are serving away from home.

Chuck Campbell, father of Madeleine (4B), Gracie (4A), and Colleen (KA) Campbell, who was recently redeployed to Iraq

If you wish to add someone to our prayer list, please email Mrs. Brenda Hossick at bhossick@stlouisparish.org.